

House Bill 922

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, Millar of the 79th, Benton of the 31st, and Tumlin of the 38th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per diem and expenses of members of local boards of education, so as to provide for the extension of health care benefits to local board members who served for at least ten years; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per diem and expenses of members of local boards of education, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b)(1) A local board of education is authorized to provide group medical and dental insurance for its members who elect to participate. Such insurance may be provided through a group policy secured by the local school district, a group policy secured by several local school districts, a policy secured by an organization of local school boards, or in accordance with Code Section 45-18-5 providing for the inclusion of members of the local board of education and their spouses and dependents within any health insurance plan or plans established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. It shall be the duty of the board to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or plans. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a board providing such insurance shall pay no greater percentage of the cost of that insurance than the percentage of the cost paid as an employer contribution by the state for the health insurance plan for state employees pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. The remainder of such insurance costs, and all the costs of any coverage for family members, shall be paid as an employee contribution by the board member. It shall be the duty of the board to deduct from the salary or other remuneration of qualified members or otherwise collect such

1 payment from the qualified members or dependents. The local board shall be authorized
2 to extend health care benefits to any member upon his or her completion of service if
3 such member served as a local board member for at least ten years."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.